MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnathunad* cum *Parur*): With regard to answer for question No. 378, it is stated that in the Parur taluk the death rate due to cholera is ·6 and that due to small-pox 1·9, dysentery 1·08 and that due to fevers 2·01. May I know, what is the source of the information?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: The Departmental people collect statistics and this information is obtained from those statistics.

Midwifery centres under the District Health Officer, Kottayam.

379. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state regarding midwifery centres under the District Health Officer, Kottayam:

(*a*) a month-war statement of the delivery cases attended to by the midwives in each centre both within and without their centres from Chingom to 30th Edavom 1120;

(*b*) the number of mortalities both of mothers and infants in each centre following confinement; and

(*c*) the total number of pregnant women registered in each centre from Chingom to Edavom 1120?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: *A (*a*) statement furnishing the required information is placed on the table.

(*b*) Since the work in these centres which are run by the midwives consists mainly of aid during confinement, maternal mortality and infant death statistics are not collected in these centres. Further, in the absence of a full fledged public health programme as in the Health Unit of Neyyattinkara, such statistics may not be useful or dependable.

(*c*) *A statement furnishing the required information is placed on the table.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the number of taluks included in the Kottayam health district?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: All the taluks in the revenue division. It is about 11 or 12 taluks.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: What is the number of pakuthies included in that health district?

PRESIDENT: It does not arise.

Sanitary arrangements.

380. *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the present sanitary arrangements at Sabarimala are quite unsatisfactory and inadequate to meet the growing demand in view of the abnormal increase in the number of pilgrims year after year;

(*b*) the names of the thavalams where temporary privies were constructed during 1119 and 1120 and the number of ditches with their length and width; and

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(*c*) whether temporary privies are constructed in all the important thavalams such as Peruthodu, Kalaketty, Azhutha, Inchipparakotta, Karimala, Valianathavalam and Pampa in the Erumeli route, Kollumuzhi, Nilakkal Thalappara and Rajampara in the Rajampara route and the Sabarimala where lakhs and lakhs of pilgrims assemble for the Makaravilakku ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: (*a*) Owing to the large number of pilgrims and the method of camping in the Thavalams the Public Health Department has to face serious difficulties in ensuring perfect sanitary arrangements. In spite of the sanitary amenities made available, many pilgrims do not care to take advantage of the same and commit nuisance by easing in areas outside the privies put up for their use. As a result of the increase in the number of pilgrims, the number of sweepers and scavengers as also the number of latrines have been increased from 1119.

(*b*) A *statement furnishing the required information is placed on the table.

(*c*) Yes.

Supply of spare parts for Transport Department.

381. ❋ **MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether contract for the supply of spare parts for motor vehicles of the Transport Department is fixed up by auction, tender or private negotiation;

(*b*) if the supply is not made by fixed contracts, are the spare parts bought from the open market from day to day; and

(*c*) if so, the officer responsible for the purchase?

MR. E. G. SALTER (*Director of Transport*): (*a*) It is not possible now a days to enter into contracts for the supply of spare parts for Motor vehicles in view to the Spare Parts Control Order and other Control Orders.

(*b*) Yes, as and when available and necessary.

(*c*) The Director of Transport.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: May I know from where the spare parts required are purchased?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Spare parts are brought from whatever source they are obtainable. I may also inform the honourable Member that for the vehicles supplied by the General Motors, spare parts are obtainad from the General Motor Company and for the Fords from the Ford Motor Co. If they are not able to execute the orders, we buy from private dealers.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Is it from private brokers?

MR. E. G. SALTER: From anybody.

Transport Service in the Trivandrum-Vizhinjam line.

382. ❋**MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRY** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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Appendix VI.

Vide Answer to Question No. 380.

	Name of Thavalam.	*Number of trenches.*	*Dimension of each trench.*
1.	Ranni	2	20′ x 2′ x 3′
2.	Erumeli	20	20′ x 2′ x 3′
3.	Perurthode	2	do.
4.	Azhuthai	20	do
5.	Karimala	2	do.
6.	Pampa	50	do.
7.	Sabarimala	50	do.
8.	Rajampara	2	do.
9.	Thalapparakkotta	2	do.
10.	Kollamoozhi	2	do.
11.	Elavamkal	2	do.
12.	Meenampara	2	do.

Appendix VII.

Vide Answer to Question No. 389.

(*b*) Details of breakdowns.

Month.	Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara.	Trivandrum-Nedumangad.	Nagercoil Cape Comorin.	Nagercoil-Azhakiapandipuram.
Makaram	1	1	8	8
Kumbhom	2	4	6	9
Meenam	8	2	5	8
Medom	2	3	9	6
Edavam	1	4	7	9
Mithunam	3	2	7	9

Spare buses were utilised for operating service whenever breakdowns of scheduled buses occurred.

(*c*) The total number of days in each month on which the number of buses allocated did not run.

Month.	Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara.	Trivandrum-Nedumangad.	Nagercoil-Cape Comorin.	Nagercoil-Azhakiapandipuram.
Makaram	Nil	11	Nil	Nil
Kumbhom	Nil	14	Nil	Nil
Meenam	Nil	7	Nil	Nil
Medam	Nil	9	Nil	Nil
Edavam	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mithunam	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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